

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 10, 2005, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition RCN-Becocom LLC for a Grant of Location to install 15 ft. of conduit at 39-41 Oak St.
4. Petition NStar Electric for a Grant of Location to install 23 ft. of conduit at 39-41 Oak St.
5. Petition Verizon for a Grant of Location to install 15 ft. of conduit at 39-41 Oak St.
6. Petition NStar Electric and Verizon for a Grant of Location to relocate pole #229/1 at 13 Melvin St.
7. Petition Star Auto Center, 45 Webster Ave., for a New Garage License for 20 Autos.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

8. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Finance brief this Board on the City's drug benefit plan, including the number of participants and the savings generated.
9. Resolution By Ald. White, That the Administration advise this Board on the "Are You OK" program for senior citizens.
10. Order By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor advise this Board on the City's notice to the State on its intent to file suit for the failure to extend the Green Line through Somerville.

11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at 27 and 43 School St.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at Beacon St. and Waldo Ave.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign at Hanson and Village Sts.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify the electric utility to repair/replace the street lamp at Wilson Sq.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD cite the owner of 44 Ivaloo St. for non compliance with the sidewalk snow removal ordinance, and continue to cite the owner daily until he comes into compliance, since this property has not been shoveled once all winter.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce parking regulations within 20 ft. of an intersection, at the corner of Highland Ave. and Spring Hill Terrace.
17. Order By Ald. Taylor, White, Provost, Desmond and Sullivan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce parking regulations within 20 ft. of an intersection, at the corner of Greenville St. and Greenville Ct.
18. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the electric utility to repair/replace the street lamp at 145 College Ave.
19. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That this Board requests that Tufts University advise the local neighborhood of the planned spring/summer construction schedule for new buildings between Talbot Ave. and Professors Row.
20. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That this Board commends the Chamber of Commerce's Davis Sq. Business Interest Group for assisting with the 3/20 Race of Ireland 5K Road Race (11 AM), as their efforts will enable runners from many states and from Ireland to enjoy all that Davis Sq. has to offer.
21. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the pedestrian pathways in Davis Sq. Plaza, Kenney Park and the traffic island opposite Mike's Restaurant.
22. Resolution By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, That this Board commends the Somerville Homeless Coalition and the Somerville Chapter of the National Student Partnership for assisting our homeless and/or unemployed citizens.

23. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the numerous potholes on Central St. between Summer St. and Highland Ave.
24. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Highways survey the sidewalks on Electric Ave. and make emergency repairs to the panels that have lifted.
25. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider purchasing pedestrian crossing signs for crosswalks in the next budget and report to the Chairman of Traffic and Parking on the feasibility and cost.
26. Order By Ald. Trane and Sullivan, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines immediately survey all roadways for possible electrical shocks to pedestrians or animals, and work with the utility to immediately rectify any problems.
27. Order By Ald. Provost and White, That the Chief Assessor prepare a current land use report for this Board and appear at a future Finance Committee meeting to discuss it.
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking widen the loading zone at 229 Lowell St. as ordered by the Traffic Commission.
29. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Committee on Public Health and Safety invite NStar to discuss the continuous power outages in and around Somerville at its next meeting.
30. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on funding to rectify the unsafe traffic signals at the intersections of Broadway with Boston Ave. and Broadway with Willow Ave./Bristol Rd.
31. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on enhancements to the Magoun Sq. intersection at Broadway and Medford St.
32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect Trull St. at Broadway for failure to remove ice and snow.
33. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Clerk contact our State delegation to learn when the next meeting with Mass. Highway will be for the Lowell St. Bridge project.
34. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Mayor consider adding inspectors to the Inspectional Services Dept. if financially feasible.

35. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan and the entire Board, That this Board congratulates the Dept. of Public Works for another excellent, efficient job removing snow from our streets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

36. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to expend a \$4,000 grant from the Community Health Alliance Network for the Health Dept.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to transfer two property titles correcting quitclaim deeds relative to Tage Inn.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 11-51 relative to the Supt. of Electric Lines and Lights.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting that the Board authorize the City to take advantage of the "Construction Manager At Risk" method under public construction laws.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to exempt the Traffic Director and Traffic Engineer from MGL c31.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an exemption under MGL c268A s20b for Fire Lt. Joseph Galvin.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Lou Bunk to the Arts Council.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Susan Gardner Welsh as Constable.
44. Mayor's Comm. Communicating the appointment of Captain Robert Bradley as Acting Chief of Police.
45. Mayor's Comm. Communicating the appointment of Stephen Jones as Acting Director of Traffic and Parking.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

46. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Mar. 1.
47. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, Mar. 8.

48. Committee Report Report of the Committees on Finance & Housing and Community Development in Joint Session, Mar. 8.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

49. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to #178106 re: 1-3 Russell Rd.
50. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to #178086 re: 97 College Ave.
51. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to #178224 re: 104-106 Woodstock St.
52. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to #178276 re: enforcing snow removal near elderly housing.
53. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to #178227 re: notifying residents of obligation to shovel snow off sidewalks abutting our homes or establishments.
54. City Officer Comm. SPCD Exec. Director responding to #178215 re: K-Mart shopping carts in East Som.
55. City Officer Comm. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #178008 re: crosswalks on Central St. at the Hospital, and at Summer, Hudson, Willoughby and Vernon Sts.
56. City Officer Comm. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #177969 and #177970 re: installing speed limit and right turn only signs on Edmand St. exiting Dunkin Donuts.
57. City Officer Comm. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #177996 re: NStar posting no parking signs while conducting work.
58. City Officer Comm. Traffic and Parking Acting Director responding to #177988 re: repairing the lights at Curtis St. and Powderhouse Blvd.
59. City Officer Comm. Chief Fire Engineer responding to #178000 re: Fire Dept. staffing.

NEW BUSINESS

60. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Somerville Dog Owners Group Information Table at the Rabies Day event, DPW Yard, April 2, 10AM-Noon.
61. Public Occ. Somerville Little League Parade, Concourse to Conway Park, April 23 (raindate April 24), 9:30AM.

62. Sign/Awning **New Sign/Awning over a Public Way**
New England Pantry Inc. dba White Hen Pantry,
734 Broadway.
63. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class II**
Isaac's Auto Sales and Service, 486 Columbia St.
64. Used Car Lic Benny's Auto Sales, 508 Somerville Ave.
65. Drain Layer **Renewal of Drain Layer License**
James W. Flett Co.
66. Taxi Driver **New Taxi Driver**
Gerald Jean.
67. Taxi Driver Bryan Ryan.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM